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PASS COMMERCE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL

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E.O. 11652: N.A. TAGS: EFIN, FR

SUBJECT: TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL'S MEETING LAST JANUARY WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY ENGERAND, WEIL PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF FRENCH AND US EXPERTS TO STUDY EACH OTHER'S TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. CHRISTIAN STOFFAES, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND IS NOW A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, HAS INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THE US IS STILL INTERESTED IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE. IF SO, THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MOVING QUICKLY TO SET UP SUCH AN EXCHANGE.

COMMENT: THE GOF HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE POLICY OF INDUSTRIAL REFORM INTENDED TO SHIFT LABOR AWAY FROM LESS EFFICIENT INDUSTRY. GIVEN FRANCE'S ALREADY HIGH AND RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, THE GOF WILL HAVE TO GIVE MORE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE THAN IN THE PAST. A VISIT TO THE US BY UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE OR MORE FRENCH EXPERTS MIGHT THUS PROVE QUITE USEFUL. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS STILL INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE AND IF SO THE MODALITIES ENVISIONED. HARTMAN

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